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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the 50th anniversary  
2 of the founding of the University of Southern Indiana.

3           *Whereas, The University of Southern Indiana (USI) first*  
4 *opened its doors as a then-regional campus of Indiana State*  
5 *University, known as Indiana State University Evansville, on*  
6 *September 15, 1965;*

7           *Whereas, The University was established in response to a*  
8 *need for public higher education in southwestern Indiana;*

9           *Whereas, From the beginning, community leaders*  
10 *supported the University by providing a solid foundation for its*  
11 *present success and future growth;*

12           *Whereas, The Indiana General Assembly enacted*  
13 *legislation creating USI, which was signed into law by*  
14 *Governor Robert D. Orr on April 16, 1985;*

15           *Whereas, USI has since evolved from its modest beginnings*  
16 *to enrollment now numbering approximately 9,500*  
17 *undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students in 80 majors*  
18 *on a beautiful, 1,400 acre campus;*

19           *Whereas, three presidents have served USI in its 50 year*  
20 *history, Dr. David L. Rice, Dr. H. Ray Hoops, and Dr. Linda*  
21 *L.M. Bennett;*



1        *Whereas, USI offers nationally-recognized academic*  
 2        *programs and has won multiple athletic national*  
 3        *championships, while continuing a tradition of affordable*  
 4        *excellence;*

5        *Whereas, Programs are offered through the College of*  
 6        *Liberal Arts, Romain College of Business, College of Nursing*  
 7        *and Health Professions, and the Pott College of Science,*  
 8        *Engineering, and Education;*

9        *Whereas, USI is a Carnegie Foundation Community*  
 10       *Engaged University and offers continuing education and*  
 11       *special programs, including Historic New Harmony, to more*  
 12       *than 15,000 participants annually;*

13       *Whereas, USI also offers study-abroad opportunities in*  
 14       *more than 60 countries, and is host to international students*  
 15       *from across the globe;*

16       *Whereas, There are more than 36,000 proud USI alumni*  
 17       *whose influence is felt around the world, a vast majority of*  
 18       *whom enrich Indiana by remaining in-state; and*

19       *Whereas, After consistently providing for the educational*  
 20       *needs of the community for the past 50 years, USI looks*  
 21       *forward to continuing its part in building a knowledgeable*  
 22       *citizenry: Therefore,*

23       *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*  
 24       *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

25       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the 50th  
 26       anniversary of the founding of the University of Southern Indiana.

27       SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
 28       transmit copies of this Resolution to Linda L.M. Bennett, President of  
 29       the University of Southern Indiana, and to all the members of her  
 30       administration.

